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BIG SHEEP ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

DILLON (May 20, 2005) - The Bureau of Land Management's Dillon Field

Office has completed the environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes the environmental effects of revising livestock management, initiating vegetation treatments and/or constructing or removing projects on fifteen BLM grazing allotments and four unleased tracts within the Big Sheep Creek watershed. The affected public lands are located about 5 to 20 miles west to southwest of Dell, Montana.

The EA has been mailed to all individuals who expressed an interest in the project and asked to be on the mailing list. The BLM welcomes public comment on the alternatives and the environmental assessment and will accept public comments through June 17, 2005. If you would like to receive a copy of this EA, please call the Dillon Field Office at (406) 683-2337.